Statement

Details regarding leather parks in the country

Sl No.	Name of park/ complex	Central Government assistance	Location	Total Area	Implementing agency	Special Purpose Vehicle
1.	Footwear Component Park	Rs. 10 crores	Chennai Location identified by Special Purpose Vehicle	51.56 acres	Council for Leather Exports	Consortium of Shoe Manufacturers Private Limited
2.	Footwear Complex	Rs. 14 crores	Chennai Location identified by Special Purpose Vehicle	153.65 acres	State Industries Promotion Corporation of Tamil Nadu Limited	State Industries Promotion Corporation of Tamil Nadu Limited
3.	Leather Goods Export Park	Rs. 5 crores	Kolkata Location identified by Special Purpose Vehicle	50.687 acres	Council for Leather Exports	Indian Leather Products Association Infrastructure Development Foundation

Yoga related copyrights issued by USPTO

2300. SHRI SYED AZEEZ PASHA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the US Patents and Trade marks Office (USPTO) has issued about 150 yoga related copyrights, 124 trade marks on yoga accessories and 2315 yoga trade marks so far and an application for grant of patents of yoga practiced in steam room is under its consideration;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government have taken up the matter with the US Government as it is a violation of rights over traditional knowledge; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of US Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL POLICY AND PROMOTION, MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR): (a) and (b) A search of United States Patent and Trade Mark Office (USPTO) database by the Controller General of Patents, Designs and Trade Marks shows that the USPTO has granted 168 patents mainly in yoga related devices and accessories, such as, yoga mattresses, grip block, yoga socks, devices for stretching etc. Similarly, there are about 3700 trademarks on yoga accessories which have been listed in the database of registered and pending trade

marks by USPTO. However, the search of USPTO database has not produced any result with regard to pendency of any application for grant of patent on yoga practiced in steam room.

(c) and (d) Whenever an obvious case of infringement of Traditional Knowledge is brought to its notice, Government takes suitable action depending on the circumstances of the case.

Beneficiaries of SEZs in rural India

2301. SHRI PRAVEEN RASHTRAPAL: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) who will be benefited in creating more and more SEZs in rural India;

(b) whether it is a fact that the provisions of various land legislation are violated in the policy of SEZ; and

(c) instead of allotting land to landless workers whether SEZ will provide land to big industrial houses?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH): (a) The main objectives of the Special Economic Zone Act, 2005 are generation of additional economic activity, promotion of exports of goods and services, attracting investment from foreign and domestic sources, generation of employment opportunities and development of infrastructure facilities. The SEZs are, therefore, expected to trigger a large flow of foreign and domestic investment in infrastructure and productive capacity, with strong backward and forward linkages with the domestic area leading to generation of additional economic activity and creation of employment opportunities. The multiplier effect of the investments made and employment created is expected to have positive impact on the economy in general.

(b) No Sir.

(c) Only such SEZ applications are considered for approval by the Central Government, which are duly recommended by the State Government concerned. The States have been advised that no such proposal would be considered for approval where land has been or proposed to be compulsorily acquired after 5th April, 2007.

Export of best quality iron-ore

2302. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the present policy permits the private players to export best quality iron-ore without substantial value addition;

(b) if so, whether any pro-active measures are proposed to be initiated to correct the said anomaly in the policy which goes against national interest;